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Every third day dharna triggers traffic jams

City roads witness 'record' 60 street protests in 6 months

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Srinagar, July 13: What could be attributed to alleged mis-governance or part of election year politics, but Srinagar this year has witnessed a "record number" of roadside dharnas mostly against poor civic amenities. It has been some 60 protests in the past six months hinting that there was a trouble on the streets every third day.

While for government it could be a law-and-order problem, the roadside sit-ins equally took a toll on traffic regulation leaving the motorways jammed and commuters helpless.

Greater Kashmir is in possession of official data compiled by Home Department and Traffic Police -highlighting on why, where and when were the protests held. At places the protests lasted for two to three hours taking vehicular flow hostage.

CAUSALITY TRAFFIC

With dharnas being held on the busy links like Srinagar-Muzaffarabad highway, the high security Airport Road and City center, traffic regulation remained the first causality. "See when a busy road is blocked, traffic jam is but natural reaction which has a cascading effect on entire City," said a Traffic Police official.

Explaining his point, he said: "If there dharna is on Tengpora highway, diversion rush on alternative links like Batamloo and Karan Nagar have a cascading effect upto Jehangir Chowk... Once City center is choked, things go out of control."

THE EXAMPLES

The highway dharnas have often been in news for major gridlocks. On March 24, a breathless asthmatic old man being rushed to hospital got stranded on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad highway near Teng Pora. Luck favored the dying man. The other stranded was a medico Dr Suneem Ahmed Khan, who got some life-saving assistance from a nearby private hospital and

Public fury against NC is 24X7 reality: PDP



60 protests in six months is just tip of the iceberg of public resentment against the ruling National Conference

led government which has taken Srinagarites for a ride. The resentment is so high that there's a sign of resentment in every breath of people as they have been subjected to worst tyranny. But most of the times these innocent voices avoid taking to streets for fear of being booked on serious charges even for seeking decent water, power or ration supplies.

PDP LEADER
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Political rivals incite protests: NC



Holding peaceful protests is a democratic right and our government has been giving space to this freedom of expression. But protests

shouldn't take other people hostage. Moreover we must remember that such acts are mostly politically motivated, particularly by the power-hungry opposition. People shouldn't play at the hands of such vested interests because the fact is that Omar Abdullah-government improved public services in every sphere while Public Services Guarantee act was one such landmark.

NC LEADER
SALMAN ALI SAGAR

thus the Pampora man could be saved.

In the latest on July 10, traffic flow on Batamloo-Jehangir Chowk-Barzulla route came to a halt for over two hours at peak time when Sarai Bala residents blocked the Magarmal Bagh road, which could be cleared only when police used force to disperse people on peaceful protests against water scarcity.

PACIFYING POLICING

Interestingly, as per official sources, police this year in most of the cases "exercising maximum restraint" acted pacifier than going bullish. "A peaceful resentment against poor civic amenities cannot be overpowered all the times with use of force. Our priority has been to pacify the protesters and this counseling takes sometime... But we are compelled to use force when traffic regulation goes out of control," said a City thana SHO.

Sources said on July 10 Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had to postpone a condolence visit in south City only because of protests near Indoor Stadium against "bungling" in written exam in Fire and Emergency Services Department. The incident took entire City centre traffic hostage. Even the personal monitoring by senior officials including

Inspector General of Police Traffic Muneeb Ahmed Khan and DIG Jagjit Kumar who are often personally out on roads, couldn't bring any respite till the protesters were dispersed by police.

DEPARTMENTS IN NEWS

Most of the public protests have been against allegedly poor power or water supplies, or the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution department while the ongoing construction of Omar Abdullah's prestigious Jehangir Chok Ram Bagh flyover also attracted anti-government protests.

A retired police official said staging roadside dharna has been "preferred means of drawing attention of concerned officials and media alike when otherwise the woes go unheard."

TRAFFIC POLICE VIEWPOINT

SP Traffic Srinagar Haseeb-Ur-Rehman while endorsing that roadside dharnas as cause of jams said, "Our main concern during such situations remains movement of patients being rushed to hospitals. But protesters at times are so reluctant that they don't even allow ambulances to move."

"People should realize that blocking a road puts others to inconvenience. For a stranded patient it's a matter of life and death."

S No	Date	Dharna Spot	Protests Against
1	02.01.2014	Ahamad Nagar	PDD
2	03.01.2014	Shaheed Gunj	PDD
3	06.01.2014	Bemina Crossing	PDD
4	09.01.2014	Dalgate	PDD
5	10.01.2014	MA Road	College Authorities
6	11.01.2014	Maharaj Bazar	PDD
7	15.01.2014	Bagh-e-Methab	PDD
8	28.01.2014	Qamarwari	PDD
9	01.02.2014	Khanyar	PDD
10		Ram Bagh	PDD
11	03.02.2014	Qamarwari	PDD
12		Khanyar	PDD
13	08.02.2014	DC Office	Against creation of new administration blocks.
14	18.02.2014	Habak	PDD
15	20.02.2014	Pantha Chowk	Against demolition of shops
16	23.02.2014	Pantha Chowk	Against Cutting of trees
17	24.02.2014	Pantha Chowk	Do
18	01.03.2014	Ram Bagh	PDD
19	04.03.2014	Qamarwari	PDD
20	05.03.2014	Ghanta Ghar	Arrest of a person
21	06.03.2014	Reck Chowk Batamloo	PDD
22	07.03.2014	Jawahar Nagar	Shopkeepers against confiscation of 2 shops
23	08.03.2014	Jawahar Nagar	Do
24	13.03.2014	HMT crossing	R&B
25	15.03.2014	Raj Bagh	PDD
26	18.03.2014	Teng Pora	Blockage of road by rain water
27	19.03.2014	Teng Pora	Blockage of road by rain water
28	20.03.2014	HMT Crossing	PDD
29	26.03.2014	Ikhwan Chowk	Arrest of youth
30	28.03.2014	Nati Pora	PDD
31	05.04.2014	Saki Dafar	PHE
32	09.04.2014	Teng Pora	Food and supplies Dept.
33	10.04.2014	Khanyar	PDD
34	19.04.2014	Khanyar	PDD
35	21.04.2014	Batamloo	Stone pelting
36	23.04.2014	Reck Chowk	PDD
37	28.04.2014	Zewan	Bad road condition
38	05.05.2014	Allocha Bagh	PHE
39	06.05.2014	Allocha Bagh	Macadamization of road
40	10.05.2014	Bemina	PDD
41	13.05.2014	Teng Pora	PHE
42	19.05.2014	Solina Bazar	Against construction of flyover corridor
43	26.05.2014	Exchange Road	PHE employees against Govt
44	28.05.2014	Teng Pora	PHE Deptt
45	29.05.2014	Umarabad HMT	PDD
46	31.05.2014	Teng Pora	PHE
47	02.06.2014	LD Hospital	Against death of a woman
48	03.06.2014	Teng Pora	Bad road condition
49	07.06.2014	Naaz crossing	Against PHE
50	09.06.2014	Omarabad HMT	Against teaching staff
51	09.06.2014	Pantha Chowk	Plying of army convoy
52	09.06.2014	Nowgam	Assault of tipper driver
53	11.06.2014	Teng Pora	PHE
54	16.06.2014	Batamloo	PHE
55	16.06.2014	Teng Pora	PHE
56	16.06.2014	LAWDA office	PHE
57	19.06.2014	Qamarwari	PHE
58	19.06.2014	Poloview to Press Enclave	Bike rally of APHC(M)
59	23.06.2014	GB Panth Hospital	Protests by attendants against GB Panth hospital authorities
60	24.06.2014	Reck Chowk Batamloo, Naaz crossing, Maisuma	Stone pelting
61	27.06.2014	Zewan	Arrest of some youth
62	07.07.2014	AS College	Against Fire and Emergency Department
63	10.10.2014	Magarmal Bagh	PHE department

(SOURCE HOME, TRAFFIC DEPARTMENTS)

Finally, police wakes up to stunt biking

5 stunt bikers booked, bikes seized

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Srinagar, July 13: Finally, police woke up to stunt biking, which claimed precious lives and wounded many in the past few years of this rage on the City roads.

Initiating a special drive against stunt biking the police has seized five bikes from Hyder Pora, Parray Pora, Baghat and Barzulla areas and booked five stunt performers while some groups like Dhoom-3, Hells Angels 81 and Racing Rebellz have been found to be active.

"Five bikers were booked for rash driving besides for violation of other provisions of Motor Vehicle Act. These bikers were performing stunts on the road thereby endangering life and property of other people using the road," a police handout said.

"All the bikes that were seized were plying without number plates. The bikes have been modified for stunt making. The mudguards of the rear wheel have been removed so that it doesn't touch the road while performing stunts."

During the current year Police Station Sadder has taken cognizance of 102 violations of Motor Vehicle Act in their area where large number of tuition center's are located. SDPO Sadder Feroz Qadri said out of 102 cases around 90 cases involve motorcycles.

"In most of the cases par-



ents of the bikers found violating the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act were called to the Police Station and apprised about the riding behavior of their wards," police said. Sources said drive against the stunt biking was initiated following civil society appeals to Senior Superintendent of Police Amit Kumar.

Stating that this menace could be curbed effectively only through active participation, the SSP "advised parents of students riding bikes to maintain a vigil on their wards." "The parents should counsel their wards on safe driving and equally check if they have modified the bike in any manner or removed any of its parts."

Police said "Some stunt bikers have been found to have formed groups and named them 'Hells Angels 81' and 'Racing Rebellz'. These groups have defaced walls at many places by writing their group name with spray paints."

While the civil society has hailed the police initiative it appealed the City police chief to bring an end to stunt biking.

SKIMS faculty for retirement age at par with AIIMS

GK NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, July 13: Faculty Forum of SKIMS Soura has demanded enhancement of retirement age of SKIMS faculty at par with AIIMS New Delhi.

In a statement, spokesperson of SKIMS Faculty Forum said the issue was discussed in a meeting. "We unanimously reject the proposed enhancement of retirement age of SKIMS faculty from existing 60 to 62 years. SKIMS is linked to AIIMS, New Delhi through SRO

-283, dated 03/09/2009 promulgated by Government of J&K. In light of this SRO 283, the retirement age of SKIMS should be 65 years as is in vogue at AIIMS, New Delhi. All aspects of SRO 283 need to be implemented in letter and spirit," it said.

The meeting was attended by Prof Altaf Ramazan, Executive Secretary of the Forum and executive members including Prof Shoukat Hussain Khan, Dr Syed Amer Zahoor, Dr Sarabjit Singh and Dr Muzaffar Wani

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION
JAMMU, THE 28TH MARCH, 2014

SRO 93. In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 28, 38, 65, 96, 107 and 111 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the Govt hereby proposes to add following provisions to the rule 176 of Jammu and Kashmir Motor Vehicle Rules 1991; namely,

Provided that, no parking place shall be determined nearby water bodies and no water body shall be allowed to be used for washing of vehicle or throwing of used parts of the vehicles. Provided further that, no workshop of vehicles shall be permitted to operate near the water bodies. The concerned local authority, while allowing use of any shop for repairing of vehicles in its jurisdictions shall obtain prior no objection certificate from concerned District Magistrate and Regional Transport Officer".

The aforesaid proposed amendment is hereby published, as required under subsection (I) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, for information of all persons likely to be affected; Any person who has any objection or suggestion to the aforesaid propped amendment may submit his/her suggestions/objections in writing, to the Secretary to government, Transport Department, Civil Secretariat Jammu, within a period of one month from the date of issuance of this notification.

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